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ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON ITS SIXTH SESSION

Draft report

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Chapter __

ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission on Sustainable Development held its sixth session at United Nations Headquarters on 22 December 1997 and from 20 April to 1 May 1998. The Commission held __ meetings (1st to ___ meetings).

2. At the 2nd meeting, on 20 April, the Chairman, Mr. Cielito Habito (Philippines), made an introductory statement.

3. Also at the 2nd meeting, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat made an introductory statement.

B. Attendance

4. The session was attended by representatives of __ States members of the Commission on Sustainable Development. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for the European Community, representatives of organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended. A list of participants is contained in annex __ to the present report.

C. Election of officers

5. At the 1st and 2nd meetings, on 22 December 1997 and 20 April 1998, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairman: Cielito Habito (Philippines)

Vice-Chairmen: Rogatieu Biaou (Benin)
Marta Inés Galindo (Colombia)
Michael Odevall (Sweden)
Miloslav Hettes (Slovakia)

6. At the 2nd meeting, on 20 April 1998, Marta Inés Galindo (Colombia) was elected to serve also as Rapporteur.

D. Agenda and organization of work

7. At the 8th meeting, on 23 April 1998, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document E/CN.17/1998/1 and Corr.1, and approved its organization of work, as circulated in an informal paper. The agenda was as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Sectoral theme: strategic approaches to freshwater management.
4. Cross-sectoral theme: transfer of technology, capacity-building, education, science and awareness-raising.
5. Economic sector/major group: industry.
6. Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States.
7. High-level meeting.
8. Other matters.
9. Provisional agenda for the seventh session of the Commission.
10. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its sixth session.

8. At the 2nd meeting, on 20 April, the Commission agreed to invite the secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat (Ramsar Convention) and the Arab Organization for Agricultural Development to attend the session of the Commission as intergovernmental organizations, with the status of observers.

E. Documentation

9. The documents before the Commission at its sixth session are listed in annex __ to the present report.